

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: *Method and Apparatus for an Automated Plate Handler with Cassette Loading System and Removal Mechanism*

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☐ was filed on _____ as U.S. Application No. or PCT Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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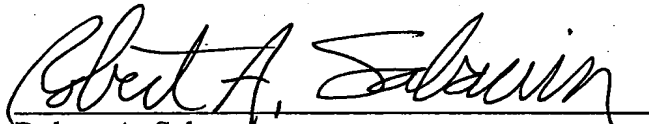
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